

REMARKS

By this Response, no claims are amended, added or cancelled. Accordingly, after entry of this Response, claims 1-25 will remain pending in the patent application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5 and 17-19 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 6-14 and 20-25 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as allegedly being in improper form. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6-14 and 20-25 are in proper form and fully comply with the requirements of Section 1.75(c). Namely, claims 6-14 and 20-25 refer to other claims in the alternative only, and/or, do not depend from a multiple dependent claim. Applicants note that claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 13-14, 19-21 and 23-24 were amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed December 7, 2004, to remove the multiple dependencies. A copy of the stamped PTO receipt and the Preliminary Amendment, filed December 7, 2004, is enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 6-14 and 20-25 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) are respectfully requested.

Applicants have addressed the Examiner's objection and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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